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# Re News



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## Q&A with Recycle Rob

*Dear Recycle Rob,*

*I just finished putting a fresh coat of paint on my fence, and I have no idea what to do with this leftover latex paint. What is the best way to dispose of leftover paint?*

*- Paula Paint*

*Dear Paula,*

*Dry it up! To dispose of latex paint in curbside trash collection, it must be dried out or hardened. If less than a quarter full, take off the lid and leave it in a well ventilated place for a few days. Fuller paint containers can be dried out quickly by adding mulch, kitty litter, shredded paper or paint hardener from the hardware store.*

*There is no need to take latex, acrylic and water-based paint to hazardous waste collection.*

*-Recycle Rob*



## Street Sweeping is Coming to YOUR Neighborhood!

Starting Wednesday, April 2, mechanical street sweeping will come to every neighborhood. The expanded service takes place on the first through fourth Wednesdays of each month, weather permitting. Sweeping hours will occur between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on these designated sweeping days. However, after the sweeper has passed, residents can then move their cars back.

In the City's Northwest and Southeast quadrants, odd sides of the street will be swept on the first Wednesday of the month and even sides will be swept on the second Wednesday. In the Northeast and Southwest quadrants, odd sides of the street will be swept on the third Wednesday of each month and the even sides will be swept on the fourth Wednesday.

**Parking restrictions will not be posted in the quadrants.** Residents are asked to move their vehicles in order to make the service as effective as possible. Routes in the Central area of the City will be extended in the future. Residents in these neighborhoods will be notified in advance of any changes. For now, continue to follow the street sweeping restrictions wherever they are currently posted.

Residents should receive postcards informing them of their sweeping days and robo calls as reminders; they can also check by calling 311 or by visiting the interactive map at [cityview.baltimorecity.gov](http://cityview.baltimorecity.gov).

Mechanical street sweeping is not a substitute for bagging leaves and other yard waste, or for properly disposing of trash. Please do not blow, rake, pile leaves or sweep sidewalk litter into the street since the sweepers cannot pick up large loads of debris.

For questions about the program please contact the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Solid Waste at 410-396-5431.

## Mayor's Spring Clean-Up

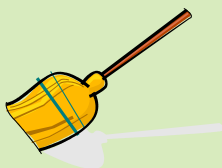
April 26<sup>th</sup>



It is time to Spring forward Baltimore and join Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake in the Annual Mayor's Spring Clean-Up. Communities interested in participating should register by April 21<sup>st</sup> by calling 311.



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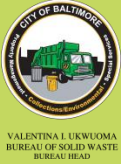
## Clean Your Files Day

April 22<sup>th</sup>



Businesses, governmental agencies, and non-profits must contact the Baltimore Office of Recycling on or before April 10, 2014 to register. Please provide the company name, location of collection (front, rear, side) type of materials (i.e. paper, bottles, cans). Please contact Sandra Matier 410-396-4511 or via email [Sandra.Matier@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Sandra.Matier@baltimorecity.gov).





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### Please don't use plastic bags!

You can use anything as a container for your recyclables **except** plastic bags. Many grocery stores and supermarkets will recycle plastic bags.



### Acceptable and Unacceptable Recycling Materials

#### Acceptable Recycling Material:

Aerosol Cans (empty)  
Aluminum: cans, beverage and food containers, foil (clean), and pie pans  
Bottles: narrow-neck bottles  
Cartons (waxed): used for a liquid such as juices, milk or soups  
Glass containers such as bottles and jars (brown, clear or green)  
Metal: beverage and food containers  
Plastic: bottles and jars  
Prescription bottles, including caps  
Steel: beverage containers and food  
Tin: cans and foil



#### Rigid Plastics

(to be taken to the citizen drop-off centers)

Rigid plastics include milk/soda crates, buckets, laundry baskets, children's toys, etc.

#### Unacceptable Recycling Material Examples:

Cookware and plates (plastic)  
Containers of toxic substances -e.g., cans motor oil, pesticides, etc.  
Contaminated paper products -e.g., napkins, paper towels, and tissue  
Dry cleaning bags  
Glass (window and mirror)  
Waxed paper



## Re-minders

### Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste commences this year on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 2840 Sisson St. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Collection is the first Friday and Saturday of the month through October. For more information on acceptable materials and collection schedule please visit:

<http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/Recycling/HouseholdHazardousWaste.aspx>

### Free Community Shredding Event

Consumer fraud and identity theft is becoming an epidemic in society and it is important that we raise awareness and provide residents with a way to discard personal documents in a safe and secure manner.

The Bureau of Solid Waste and Office of Recycling has teamed up with Cintas to host a Community Shredding Event. The event will take place at May 10, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. We invite residents to shred up to 2 trash bags of documents per household.

### Source Reduction Tip

The most effective way to reduce waste is not to create it in the first place. As a result, reduction and reuse is the most effective way you can save natural resources, protect the environment and save money. Remember one person's trash is another person's treasure. Below you will find a list of popular donation centers that will accept everything you can think of...including the kitchen sink!

Goodwill: [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org)  
Salvation Army: [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)  
Lions Club International: [www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org)  
Loading Dock: [www.loadingdock.org](http://www.loadingdock.org)  
Habitat for Humanity: [www.habitat.org/restores](http://www.habitat.org/restores)



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